

Christian Initiation – Adults and Children

The Elect may be baptized at any Mass, preferably on Sunday.

In accord with the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*, #34, Archbishop Schnurr has decided that the rites of Christian Initiation may be celebrated outside the usual times for 2020.

The full initiation of the Elect could take place at the Vigil of Pentecost (May 30) or at any other time.

Non-Catholic Christians may also be received into full communion at any Mass, or outside of Mass following the approved rites. As always, pastors should seek faculties to confirm Catholic adults by writing to the Chancellor (sangi@catholiccincinnati.org).

Please remember that candidates for Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church may be received during Mass at any point during the year. This rite would ideally take place within Mass. (cf. *RCIA*, #475) **There is no reason to delay Reception into Full Communion if the candidate is ready.**

If your typical practice is to receive candidates at the Easter Vigil, and you presently have candidates ready to be received into full communion, you could receive them at the Pentecost Vigil using the combined rites of the *RCIA* as you would have planned and for which you had prepared them.

First Communion may be celebrated at any time; consider smaller groups of candidates at multiple celebrations.

Even though Eastertide is the preferred time, the First Communion of children can take place at any time of the year. Instead of all children receiving at one celebration, this could take place at a number of Sunday Masses spread out over several weeks, to minimize crowd sizes. **There is no reason to delay this celebration for prepared children.**